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TAGS: PINS, SHUM, WA
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: SWAPO SUPPORTER SENTENCED UNDER TERRORISM ACT

REF: PRETORIA 2583

1. WINDHOEK SOURCES INFORM US THAT SWAPO MEMBER ZACHARIA ALFEUS WAS SENTENCED ON MAY 19 TO EIGHT YEARS IMPRISONMENT ON CHARGES UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT. THE TRIAL LASTED ONLY FOUR DAYS. ACCORDING TO A MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE TEAM, THIS WAS THE RESULT OF FEW WITNESSES AND LIMITED DIFFERENCE IN EVIDENCE BETWEEN THE DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION. ALFEUS ADMITTED SELLING GOODS SUCH AS
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BLANKETS AND TOWELS TO A GROUP OF ABOUT 30 ARMED GUERRILLAS WHO APPEARED AT HIS SHOP IN OVAMBO LAST SEPTEMBER 17. ALFEUS TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS FORCED AT GUNPOINT TO SELL THE GOODS, WHILE THE PROSECUTION ALLEGED THAT HE HAD DONE SO VOLUNTARILY. THE JUDGE FOUND HIM GUILTY OF ASSISTING TERRORISTS, AND SAID HIS EIGHT-YEAR SENTENCE WAS "EXEMPLARY" FOR THOSE

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WHO MIGHT CONTEMPLATE SIMILAR ACTION.

2. THE COURT REFUSED LEAVE TO APPEAL EITHER THE
CONVITION OR THE SENTENCE. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ARE NOW
DRAWING UP A PETITION TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN BLOEMFONTEIN
REQUESTING PERMISSION TO APPEAL TO A HIGHER COURT.

3. THIS IS THE FIRST CONVITION UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT
IN NAMIBIA SINCE THE PROMULGATION OF AG-26.
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